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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1897, AT 2:00 P.M.

President ALVORD presided. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

THE BRUCE (GOLD) MEDAL OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC.

Mr. HOLDEN presented to the Board of Directors a communication from Miss CATHERINE WOLFE BRUCE, of New York City, as follows:—

810 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, MAY 15, 1897.

To the Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific:—

GENTLEMEN:—It is my desire to found and endow a gold medal to be awarded by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, not oftener than annually, for distinguished services to Astronomy. I desire that the medal shall be international in character, and that persons of any country and of either sex may be eligible to receive it. I have taken the counsel of competent advisers in the preparation of the accompanying statutes for the bestowal of the medal. If your Board of Directors will undertake the administration of the Trust, I shall be glad to turn over to your Treasurer the sum of $2750, which I understand will be sufficient to carry it out. It is my hope, with your co-operation, to establish a foundation which shall be useful to Astronomy now and always.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully and sincerely yours,

CATHERINE WOLFE BRUCE.

This letter was accompanied by the statutes for the bestowal of the BRUCE Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, as printed in the *Publications*, No. 57.

After reading the foregoing, it was on motion,

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, in its own behalf, and on behalf of the Society, accepts with gratitude Miss BRUCE'S generous gift which, in connection with her many previous benefactions to the Astronomy of America and Europe, will forever connect her name with the history of the Science.

Resolved, That the conditions of the gift as expressed in the Statutes for the bestowal of the BRUCE Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific are hereby accepted by the Directors in their own behalf, and on behalf of the Society.

Resolved, That the gift of Miss BRUCE be divided into two portions, namely: $2500, which constitutes the *Bruce Medal Fund;* and the residue, which is hereby placed at the disposal of a Special Committee,* to consist of Messrs. HOLDEN, ST. JOHN and ZIEL, who are authorized to procure the necessary dies and to strike off one gold medal and nine bronze *replicas*. The gold medal is to serve for the first award; the bronze *replicas* are to be sent by the Secretaries of the Society as follows:—

The first to Miss BRUCE;
One to the Astronomical Society of the Pacific;
One to the Smithsonian Institution;
One to the Harvard College Observatory;
One to the Lick Observatory;
One to the Yerkes Observatory;
One to the Observatory of Paris;
One to the Observatory of Greenwich;
One to the Observatory of Berlin.

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*The Committee suggested, consisted of Messrs. ALVORD, HOLDEN and ZIEL. Mr. ALVORD requested that his name be withdrawn and the name of Mr. ST. JOHN be substituted in his stead, which was accordingly done.

The Treasurer is authorized to advance from the General Fund, whatever may be necessary to carry out the foregoing; all advances to be subsequently repaid from the interest on the BRUCE Medal Fund.

Resolved, That the *Bruce Medal Fund* be placed under the immediate care of the Finance Committee, which Committee shall, through the Treasurer, annually print a separate account of this fund.

Resolved, That the By-laws of the Society, the Statutes for the bestowal of the BRUCE Medal, and the Rules relating to the Comet Medal, be printed in an extra number of the *Publications*, in an edition of 1500 copies.

In order to insure the prompt printing of the *Publications*, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication is formally authorized to postpone the printing of any manuscript received later than ten days before the stated dates of issue of the regular numbers (namely: February 1, April 1, June 1, August 1, October 1, December 1) when necessary.

The following members were duly elected:

LIST OF MEMBERS ELECTED AUGUST 14, 1897.*

Miss KATE AMES	Napa, Cal.
Mr. WALTER C. BAKER	1467 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
Mr. CHARLES R. BISHOP	Occidental Hotel, S. F., Cal.
Mr. E. F. CODDINGTON	Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, Cal.
Mr. HENRY EICHBAUM	3 Devonshire Terrace, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, England.
Mr. JAMES MONROE GOEWEY	Page and Laguna Sts., S. F., Cal.
Mr. CHARLES C. KEENEY*	2220 Clay St., S. F., Cal.
Mr. JOHN W. KENDRICK	Gen. Mgr. N. P. R. R., 230 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis, Minn.
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Worcester, Mass.
Mr. JOHN MARTIN	Puruatanga, Martinborough, Wairarapa, Wellington, New Zealand.
Colonel C. McC. REEVE	First Minnesota N. G., Minneapolis, Minn.
Mr. THOS. W. STANFORD*	142 Russell St., Melbourne, Victoria.

Secretary PERRINE reported that sundry articles of bedding, etc. (see *Publications* A. S. P., No. 54, page 49), had been disposed of for the sum of twelve dollars. His report was accepted and filed.

Adjourned.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OF THE SOCIETY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1897.

Saturday, September 4th, was the date for a regular meeting of the Directors and of the Society at Mt. Hamilton. As no quorum for the transaction of business (in either body) was present, no meetings were held. The papers presented for reading will be printed in the *Publications* in due course.

*A star signifies Life Membership.